**Conversion of vacancies into general Quota meant for Sc/ST in Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan**

*165. DR. R. K. PODDAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite many efforts Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has not yet been able to fill up the quota and backlog vacancies reserved for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these vacancies cannot be converted into general ones;

(c) if so, whether the vacancies would remain unfilled and students will have to study without teachers till the vacancies are filled up by SC/ST candidates; and

(d) if so, what is the justification thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Assistant Commissiners of Regional Offices/Principals of Kendriya Vidyalayas have been authorised to fill up the vacancies locally on ad-hoc basis as per rules, in order to avoid loss of studies of the students.

**Introduction of ecological science in school curriculum**

*166. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be peased to state what steps have been taken to introduce fundamentals of the ecological science in school text books and inculcate environmental awareness in children?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): Contents designed to introduce fundamentals of the ecological science in school text books and to inculcate environmental awareness in children have been included in the text books on Environmental Studies for Classes III to V and in the text books for science subjects for Classes VI to XII.

In addition, a Centrally-Sponsored Scheme of Environmental Orientation to School Education has been taken up since 1988-89 which promotes the integration of educational programmes with the local environment.

**Guidelines for the panel under Shri Arun Singh to Examine defence expenditure**

*167. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRI A. G. KULKARNI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 115 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 7th August, 1990 and state what are the details of the guidelines for the panel formed under the Chairmanship of Shri Arun Singh to examine the defence expenditure and to prepare defence profile of the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): The Committee on Defence Expenditure will be guided by its terms of reference which include examination of expenditure of the Department of Defence and making recommendations on measures, structures and systems to achieve economy and secure optimal utilisation of available resources.

The Committee has not been entrusted with the task of preparing a defence profile.

The Committee is expected to submit its report by 31st December, 1990.

The Committee is authorised to call for information from the Services Headquarters, the Inter-Services Organisations and the Deptts. in the Ministry of Defence and take such evidence as it may consider necessary.

**Strategy for next Olympics**

*168. SHRI MENTARY PADMANABHAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the damage being caused to various sports and games by the constant infighting in various sports associations and all India organisations;

(b) whether any stress has been given to enhance our international standing in various games and sports by devising methods of avoiding faction ridden sports bodies;

(c) whether strategy has been devised for the next Olympics to ensure a better performance for India; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The National Sports Policy 1984 calls upon Indian Sports Bodies to 'present a unified and cohesive image in keeping with the dignity o the Nation'. The Guidelines of the Government contained in 'Opeation Excellence, 1988-90' have also povided for various objective systems, criteria and measures for the selection and coaching of elite sportspersons in identified disciplines, with potential for winning medals in international events, Nutritive diet and sports medicine inputs, appropriate international exposures as part of a well-conceived long-term plan of development engagement of foreign coaches and import of equipments, where considered imperative in the cause of such development, special attention to promising juniors and other such measures are also being taken. Bilateral exchanges of coaches, sports psychologists, sportspersons, teams under Cultural Exchanges Programmes and Sports Protocols calculated to improve our international competitive status are also organised. International standard playing surfaces and athletic tracks are also sought increasingly to be provided. All such measures are directed towards enhancing our international standing.

(c) and (d) While sports disciplines having medal winning potential in international tournaments/championships have generally been identified and training of athletes is in full swing with the objective of participation in Beijing Asian Games, 1990, a similar appropriate approach is under consideration for our participation in next Olympics. The strategy can be finalised after the Beijing Asian Games in the light of the experience gained, lessons learnt and results achieved.

**Raids on Indian Fishing Boats by the Sri Lankan Navy**

@*169. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE:

SHRI S. MADHAVAN:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Sri Lankan Navy have been conducting raids on Indian fishing boats transgressing Indian territorial waters;

(b) if so, the number of such raids so far, the number of the boats involved alongwith the casualty figures in this regard; and

(c) what steps have been taken to put an end to such violation of Indian territorial waters and the loss of and injury to Indian lives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) No instance has come

@Prviously Starred Question 29 transferred from the 8th August, 1990.